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Mr. Ross Chittenden
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re: FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 7 for the
Tulare County Association of Governments
(TCAG)

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

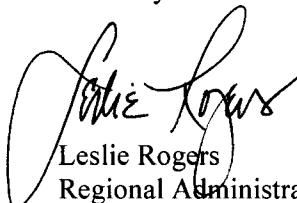
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of your letter dated April 5, 2005, requesting approval of the FY 2004/05-2006/07 FSTIP Amendment 7 for Tulare Association of Governments (TCAG). It lists a project for funding by the Federal Transit Administration. This project is funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination. Our finding was coordinated with the Federal Highway Administration.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Mr. Alexander Smith, Transportation Planner, at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely


Leslie Rogers
Regional Administrator

cc: Ms. Lisa Hanf, EPA, San Francisco
Ms. Mayela Sosa, FHWA, Sacramento
Mr. Ted Smalley, TCAG